

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Paragraphs 0012 and 0018 are amended as shown below:

[0012] In accordance with the embodiments disclosed herein, a styrene-maleic anhydride copolymer is added to black pigment inks. Such a copolymer is unexpectedly found to provide black-to-color bleed control against color inks.

[0018] The use of styrene-maleic anhydride copolymer in self-dispersed black pigment inks provides a means of achieving black-to-color bleed control against color inks with a moderate concentration (3 to 6% by weight) of $\text{Mg}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$. The use of multi-valent salts, such as magnesium nitrate, is taught, for example, in U.S. Patent 5,536,306, entitled "Thermal Ink-Jet Inks Having Reduced Black to Color or Color to Color Bleed", issued on July 16, 1996, to Loren E. Johnson et al and assigned to the same assignee as the present application.